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### **CVP WATER SUPPLY ALLOCATION INCREASES** **ANOTHER 5 PERCENT FOR WATER YEAR 2003**

Reclamation today announced an additional 5 percent increase in water supply to agricultural and municipal and industrial (M&I) contractors south of the Delta from the Federal Central Valley Project (CVP), bringing the allocation to agricultural contractors to 75 percent and M&I to 100 percent. Reclamation's official allocation uses the 90 percent exceedence forecast, which is based on an increase from a below normal year classification in May to an above normal year classification in June.

<b>Mid-Pacific Region Water Year 2003 Supply Allocation June 30, 2003</b>									
<b>Probability of Exceedence Forecasts</b>	<b>Sacramento Valley Index Year Type</b>	<b>North of Delta Allocation</b>				<b>South of Delta Allocation</b>			
		<b>Ag</b>	<b>M&amp;I</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>WR</b>	<b>Ag</b>	<b>M&amp;I</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>WR</b>
90%	Above Normal	100	100	100	100	75	100 *	100	100
Recent Historic Average (5-Year Average Allocation)		92	96	100	100	71	91	100	100

*\*Municipal and Industrial supply is based on historical deliveries.*

At this time, the CVP Cross Valley Canal Contractors will receive an in-Delta water supply of 75 percent. This water supply is dependent upon the availability of adequate capacity to convey the water through State Water Project pumping and conveyance facilities.

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The water supply allocation for the CVP East Side Division contractors will remain at 10,000 acre-feet or 6 percent of their contract amount. This water supply allocation is based on New Melones Reservoir storage and the inflow to New Melones Reservoir.

In cooperation with CALFED agencies, Reclamation has developed and implemented an operations plan for 2003 that supports water supply reliability and fishery protections and restoration needs. The current plan employs water augmentation tools reflected in the forecast including use of the Environmental Water Account assets to satisfy potential late spring export curtailments at the CVP Tracy Pumping Plant and efficient utilization of San Luis Reservoir storage.

The Friant Division deliveries for Water Year 2003 are projected to be 1,212,000 acre-feet or 81 percent of the historic water supply of 1.5 million acre-feet. The current allocation for Friant Division contractors is 100 percent of Class 1 water and 5 percent of Class 2 water. However, Reclamation also delivered to the Class 2 contractors approximately 342,000 acre-feet of Class 2 water pursuant to uncontrolled season operations. The uncontrolled season, or flood operations, ran from April 22 to May 22, 2003, and June 3 to June 16, 2003.

For additional information, contact the Public Affairs Office at 916-978-5100, TDD 916-978-5608. CVP Operations information will continue to be posted on the Mid-Pacific Region's website at: [www.usbr.gov/mp/cvo](http://www.usbr.gov/mp/cvo).

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